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Microsoft is not playing fair in its bundling game, the manufacturers have no incentive to replace the middleware, and Microsoft can change the user's preferences by simply giving them notice. Microsoft's bundling uses up system resources and hard drive space, and as I barely use any Microsoft products this is unacceptable.

Microsoft uses the price of the Windows operating system to pay for its supposedly "free" software. They should sell them as seperate componets. Here are some examples:

1. Firewall: Competes with Norton and a bunch of other utilities
2. CD Burning: Competes with Nero (arguably superior according to review sources.)
3. Windows Media Player (which thanks to the blocking of MP3 ripping puts sites like MP3.com at a difficult circumstance) It competes with realplayer. Its browser can be used to leverage standards like ActiveX and create sucerity hazards for users.

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